

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
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II. In the fifth and sixth full paragraphs on page 2 of the Office Action, certain claims of the instant application were rejected provisionally under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over co-pending application Serial Nos. 465,652 and 125,038.

Applicants note that should the provisional double patenting rejection be the only rejection pending in an application, the Examiner will issue that application. Applicants will take appropriate steps in the other applications once the first application is allowed.

III. In the seventh full paragraph on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 64-69 were rejected over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 5,359,046.

A Terminal Disclaimer will be filed shortly.

IV. The disclosure was objected to because of informalities in claim 57.

The informalities have been addressed and thus the objection can be removed.

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V. Claim 59 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

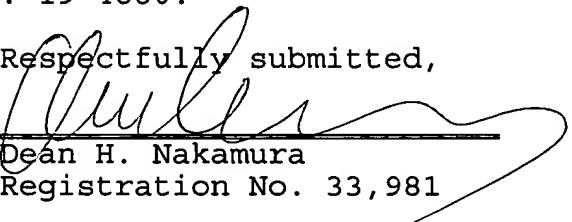
Claim 59 has been corrected for dependency and thus the rejection can be removed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have taken substantial steps to advance prosecution of the instant application. It is believed the specification and claims are in full compliance with the Patent Statute. In view thereof, favorable consideration is requested respectfully.

On filing the Substitute Declaration and Terminal Disclaimer, it is believed the instant application will be in condition for allowance.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of the instant application and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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